

Capture Plane In \$100,000 Rum Seizure

**Dry Agents Board Vessel
Following Raid by Police
on Historic Blackwell
Mansion at Astoria**

No Liquor Aboard Craft

**Eleven Men Held After
Fist Fights and Battle
at Long Island House**

A hydroplane, suspected of running liquor through inlets along Long Island to caches ashore, was located yesterday by prohibition agents, following a \$100,000 raid at Astoria. At the time the airplane was boarded by the agents under John D. Appleby, zone chief it was preparing for a flight. No liquor was found on the plane, but the agents lost a prize. They have the plane under surveillance, but admit that it will be little trouble for the pilot to fly the plane out of their jurisdiction.

The raid which was made at Astoria by the police at the order of Assistant District Attorney Groat on information furnished by the prohibition agents was the largest and most sensational ever attempted on Long Island. Eleven men were arrested, 1,200 cases of whiskey and wines and three trucks were seized. The place was the historic Blackwell mansion, located at 159 Fulton Avenue, Astoria, between the summer home of Deputy Police Commissioner John A. Leach and the Dutch Reformed Church. Commissioner Leach has charge of police prohibition enforcement. The Dutch Reformed Church is one of the oldest and most fashionable on Long Island. The Blackwell mansion was occupied for many years by the Blackwell family for whom Blackwell's Island, now Welfare Island, was named. The mansion is surrounded by spacious grounds planted with trees and verdure.

Fist Fights Mark Invasion
Flat fights and scrimmages marked the invasion of the premises by the police and detectives, led by Mr. Groat. One prohibition agent, whose name was suppressed by Chief Appleby, was challenged by a wet advocate who objected to the raid. The agent asked the partisan how he came to be up so early. The man offered to fight the agent and the two went to a secluded spot on the grounds and fought on the argument with bare fists. It was a no decision battle, both combatants claiming a victory. Other short, sharp scrimmages happened in and about the old house when the eleven alleged liquor runners ran headlong into the advancing police column.

Leading forces had planted a spy in the grounds, while the raiders awaited a signal at some distance. Three trucks, later found to be in the "Farm and Florists' Supplies," "Window Shades" and "Fork Products," made their way into the grounds from the main road on Fulton Avenue and stopped alongside a rear porch of the mansion.

Most of the trucks and the three men could be seen in the dim light. They began immediately to carry case after case of liquors and wines from the mansion to the trucks. A low whistle sounded from the underground, near the front of the mansion, and a swarm of police and detectives rushed upon the house and spread out and surrounded the trucks.

Mansion Remodeled
It was found the mansion had been completely remodeled. All movable improvements for a liquor repository had been installed. Detectives who tapped walls found many concealed sliding panels back of which the liquor stores, not already on the trucks, were found. The front door of the place was torn from its hinges in the battle.

The men arrested described themselves as follows: Louis Coley, thirty-seven years old, 240 Sixth Avenue, Astoria; Pasquale Ventuiglia, 1941 First Avenue, Manhattan; his brother, Dominic, 151 Fulton Avenue, Astoria; William Pansenbarger, same address; Frank Aloise and his four sons, Edward, Michael, John and Joseph, Michael Aloise is sixteen years old. The others arrested were Antonio Aloise, a cousin, and George Fredo, all of the Fulton Avenue address. The eleven men were arraigned before Magistrate Doyle of Long Island City, who held in \$500 bail each on charges of violating the Mullan-Gage law.

Prohibition agents yesterday also raided a former livery stable on West Thirty-fourth Street, near the North River, and seized 400 cases of whiskey. No owner could be found. The raid was ordered by the Federal District Attorney's office.

**200 Cases of Scotch
Seized on Motor Boat**
**Customs Officers Sight Launch
Off Jersey Coast and Arrest
Two Men as Operators**
Customs inspectors, manning the prohibition ship Hansen, sighted the motor boat Greyhound off the Jersey coast yesterday. The boat, fifty feet long, was run down, and found to be loaded to the rail with two hundred cases of Scotch whisky valued at \$20,000. The boat and cargo were seized. The customs men took into custody Garry Wilson, of Belford, N. J., and Thomas McCormick, of Perth Amboy, N. J., charged with being the operators of the launch. The capture and arrests are accredited to P. H. Johnson, of the

Biggest Ship to Dry Dock at Boston Nov. 16

**Majestic to Put In Thursday
for 3 Days for Overhauling
in Only Facilities
Capable of the Task**

**Great Interest in Feat
Plates Will Be Cleaned,
Painted, and Four 16-
Ton Propellers Replaced**

The naval graving-dock in South Boston will have the distinction next Thursday of holding the largest vessel afloat, the Majestic, of the White Star Line. When this announcement was made yesterday by officials of the line, it was said that the Commonwealth dry-dock is the only one of its type capable of being employed for the monster ship, which is 955 feet long and weighs 64,000 tons.

In Hamburg, there is a floating dock of the pontoon type available, which was used in lifting the Majestic last winter, but at present the River Elbe is too shallow for the liner to navigate safely, so its use was not even considered. This dry-dock was awarded by the Reparations Commission to Great Britain and was destined for Southampton, but the British port has insufficient depth of water at present in which to operate it.

The Majestic is due in this port from Southampton and Cherbourg next Tuesday. At 6:30 Wednesday morning she will leave here and steam slowly up the coast and through the Broad South Channel in Boston harbor on the last flood tide, arriving at the entrance of the dock at 8:30 Thursday morning half an hour before high water.

Entrance Is Difficult Operation
This schedule must be maintained to the minute. Tugs will be on hand to assist her in entering the basin—operate operation because of the danger of a wind that might swing her from the course. At high tide she will have only 6 feet and 10 inches clearance between her keel and the sill of the dock. When she is entirely within the dock blocks will be placed under her and the water pumped out.

When the Majestic rests upon the bottom of the dock she will present an unusual spectacle. The cubic contents of the giant hull is equal to that of 400 ordinary eight-room houses, and the vessel will loom with the bulk of a block of ten-story buildings. Her bridge will be 128 feet above the water, the tops of her three funnels, 180 feet, and the tips of the masts will tower 240 feet in the air.

Captain Sir Bertram Hayes will be on the bridge in charge of the liner when she is docked, and most of the crew of 1,092 will remain aboard during the three days' stay there. Considerable part of the crew has been shown by the ship and naval officials in this event. Several naval officers from Washington will be on hand to witness the dry-docking as well as representatives of the International Mercantile Marine Company. Among the latter will be Commodore C. A. Bartlett, formerly superintendent of the fleet and now superintendent in Great Britain; Captain James Thompson, marine superintendent in this city, and Captain Roger Williams, U. S. N., head of the operating department here. W. D. Wilson, of the shipbuilding firm of Harlan & Wolff, of Belfast, who came here last Thursday, also will be present.

To Put on New Propellers
While the Majestic is in the dock a large gang of painters will clean her bottom plates and apply a coat of copal paint. Machinists also will work on her, removing her propellers and possibly the tail shafts. There are four propellers, each weighing sixteen tons, which will be replaced with new ones. The tail shafts weigh twenty-three tons each.

The Boston dry-dock will be utilized by a private shipping concern for the first time when the Majestic enters it. The dock, known as Boston Navy Yard Dock 3, is the largest graving-dock in existence, having an overall length of 1,204 feet and a depth of water at the entrance sill of 43 feet 10 inches, holding 55,000,000 gallons of water. The dock was constructed by the State of Massachusetts in 1913 and sold to the United States government in July, 1919, with adjacent land, for \$4,158,386.58.

Jersey State Senator Gives Up Being a Dry

State Senator William H. Parry, Republican, of Essex County, New Jersey, issued a statement yesterday announcing that he had changed his attitude on the prohibition question and hereafter will be against prohibition. Parry has always been a dry and has voted for all of the measures sponsored by the Anti-Saloon League. His statement says that the cause of the Republican defeat last Tuesday was the unpopularity of the Volstead act and the "farceful attempt" to enforce it.

He adds that he has been mistaken in believing that people can be reformed by legislation, and declares that in his opinion conditions instead of becoming better have grown worse.

Dry Vow Unshaken By Vote. Says Head Of State W. C. T. U.

**Saloon Must Not Come Back,
Mrs. Boole Tells World
Convention of Society
Meeting in Philadelphia**

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11.—"There has been no appreciable weakening of the dry forces as a result of the last election," Mrs. Ella A. Boole, treasurer of the World's W. C. T. U., vice-president of the national organization and president of the New York State branch, declared today before the world convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which convened here.

"The saloon has gone and it must never be permitted to return," she said. "Any beer or wine amendment would mean an immediate reopening of breweries and the return of the saloon."

Mrs. Boole asserted that the dry movement was becoming one of the most important factors in working for world peace. Delegates from twenty-three nations assembled in the city.

The afternoon meeting of the executive committee was largely a "get acquainted" affair, with brief remarks on world peace, the suppression of narcotics and prohibition.

One of the latest delegates to arrive was Mrs. S. M. Zwemer, of Egypt, who is active in missionary work in that country. She said that the Mahometans, whose religion forbids the use of alcoholic beverages, are beginning to believe that a bottle of whisky or wine is a mark of Christianity, and so they have become converted to the Christian faith as very apt to consider that they must partake of liquors and wine. This state of affairs and the continual attempt on the part of Greeks, French, English and Americans to sell intoxicating drinks to the natives have made the work extremely difficult. Mrs. Zwemer intended to ask assistance from the world temperance organization.

Noted Hotel Bar Closes
**Where Presidents Were Picked
Becomes a Coffee Shop**
CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The Congress Hotel bar today succumbed to the non-alcoholic regime. It will reopen as a coffee shop.

"Time was," remarked H. L. Kaufman, president of the hotel company, recalling Presidential convention years when convention delegates swarmed in the hotel, "when politicians gathered here to select a President of the United States. Grand Duke Boris, in the days of the Romanoffs, tipped many a carafe of vodka here."

Deportee Tries To End Life as Homer's Sails

**Passengers Thrilled by Rescue
of Czechoslovakian
Who Tears Loose From
Official, Leaps Into Water**

**Col. W. A. Gaston Sails
Senator Lodge's Opponent
in Recent Campaign Says
He Doesn't Admit Defeat**

Passengers in the second and third cabins of the Homer were thrilled yesterday before the big White Star liner sailed from her pier, foot of West Nineteenth Street, when they witnessed the rescue from drowning of a deportee, who eluded his guards and attempted suicide by leaping overboard. The man, Felix Gulej, a twenty-two-year-old Czechoslovakian, was carried aboard the vessel in an unconscious condition, while hundreds lined the rail and cheered the rescuers.

Gulej arrived in this country on the Majestic about a month ago and had reached Binghamton, N. Y., when he was recalled by the immigration authorities for an examination. He was then declared to be illiterate and ordered deported on the Homer.

When Gulej and his guards arrived at the pier the young man for the first time protested against the deportation order. He was led up the second cabin gang plank, when suddenly he tore himself from the clutch of the official and dived over the side. Women shrieked and men shouted as Gulej disappeared in the water. When he came to the surface he made no effort to keep afloat, and paid no heed to a rope which had been thrown within his reach by William Evers, a dock hand.

Brought Back to Dock
Just as Gulej was about to go down for the third time near the side of the ship John Morton, another pier employee, who was standing about fifteen feet from the drowning man on a strong piece, jumped in and brought him back to the lower tier of the dock. Gulej was rushed aboard the liner and taken to the ship's hospital, where he was attended by Dr. R. S. French. The gang planks were drawn in promptly at noon, but because of the tide the vessel did not sail until half an hour later. When she pulled out Dr. French came to the rail and announced that Gulej would recover from his attempt to suicide. The deportee, who served during the war in the Austrian army, will be returned to Cherbourg.

Colonel Gaston Sails
Colonel William A. Gaston, Democratic opponent of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, in the last election, was among the Homer's passengers, going abroad for a month's vacation after his campaign. Colonel Gaston declared that he had not conceded the victory of Senator Lodge for this year's election. He said he would not consider the unofficial figures, but was awaiting the result of a recount.

General George Harries, who commanded the American forces in Brest during the war, arrived at the Homer's pier a few minutes before the liner was to sail. He booked passage and rushed aboard the vessel, but the purpose of his mission could not be learned. Immediately after Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lake, of Philadelphia, who were married Friday night in that city, arrived to sail on the ship on their honeymoon.

When the America, or the United States Lines, was in midstream ready to start down the bay, Mrs. Margaret Kovaisik, of 815 East Eighty-first Street, came rushing down the Hoboken pier followed by her husband who was carrying their four-year-old son William. The woman explained that they had been around the Hoboken pier almost an hour seeking the America's pier. She wept when she saw the America in the river. Kovaisik told R. I. Dunigan, assistant passenger manager of the United States Lines, that their physicians had ordered his wife to take an ocean trip for her health. Mr. Dunigan then ordered Mrs. Kovaisik and her son taken out to the America on a tug without charge, despite the fact that she was a steerage passenger. Meanwhile he sent a wireless to Captain William Rind, who slowed down his vessel off the Statue of Liberty, where they were taken aboard.

When the tug returned she had as passengers, Aloisius P. Buchanan, assistant publicity manager of the line, and a newspaper man, who had been taken out on the liner while they were interviewing an outgoing passenger on the pier. The tug had not arrived they would have gone out to the Ambrose Channel lightship on the America and been taken off by the pilot boat, returning again in a day or so if they were fortunate.

France to Dock Today Charles de Roche, French Actor, Among Passengers

The France of the French liner is expected to dock here this morning at about 10 o'clock. She is bringing a large number of passengers for the time of the year.

Among the passengers on the liner are Charles de Roche, a French actor, who is coming to join the Panama Players-Lasky forces as successor to Rodolph Valentino; Lazare Levi, European director of the Thomas Edison Company, electrical engineers, and Mrs. Levi; Dr. Dominguez, port physician, Havana, Cuba; Durand East, dealer; J. J. Champenois, official representative in this country of French universities; Miss Kate Matchell; Walter Z. Chappell, banker, of 9 East Forty-fourth Street, and Mrs. Chappell, returning from a honeymoon; Mrs. Thomas Upham Coe, Harry Purdy and C. Grayson Martine.

Schneider Indicted
Raymond Schneider, who, with his sweetheart, Pearl Bahmer, discovered the bodies of the rector and the choir singer, was indicted for perjury today. That charge is based on an affidavit made by Schneider in which he accused his pal, Clifford Hayes, of killing the lovers of St. John in mistake for Pearl Bahmer and her father. In prosecuting Schneider for perjury the officials of Middlesex County probably will have to defend their method of getting that statement from him. He was kept awake all night long, questioned whenever he dozed off, and, if not actually treated with violence, was certainly frightened and sworn to until he was terrified.

Schneider's grandmother is slowly dying. She is eighty-three years old and no one can tell her that her grandson is anything but an abused lad and the victim of circumstances.

**Vestryman Is Called Actual
Slayer of Hall**
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call for the grand jurors to assemble in Somerville on Wednesday. When they do convene Mr. Mott will have twenty-five, and maybe more witnesses, to assist him in his effort to convince the jurors that they should indict Mrs. Hall and a member of her family. But his principal witness will be Mrs. Jane Gibson, who has been working early and late on her sixty-acre pig farm harvesting her potatoes so that she will be able to devote the necessary time to the grand jury.

It is the fact that Mr. Mott's case is built around Mrs. Gibson that it is believed, is causing him to be so particular to have Justice Parker or some one designated by him charge the grand jurors. Many of these men are farmers, and Azariah Beekman, the deposed prosecutor, is known to all of them. Prosecutor Beekman makes no secret of his distrust of Mrs. Gibson's story that she saw the killings from the back of her mule.

Since Mrs. Gibson told her story she has been given a guard of two state troopers. Officials insist that because guards remain on her farm only because she requested them, and yet New Jersey has not an especially large force of troopers. This unusual woman, who does not hesitate to fire bird shot at people who disregard her "keep out" and her swarming dogs, is preparing to butcher some of her pigs now that the weather is getting cold enough. She does this work herself, slitting the pigs' throats as they are suspended by their hind legs.

Timothy Newell Pfeiffer, the New York lawyer who is advising Mrs. Hall and other members of her family, said yesterday that he does not expect his client to be arrested unless some false testimony is offered. He declined to explain or amplify that statement. A friend of Mrs. Hall said that she

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